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Requirements for information concerning Csechoslovakian economic activities in Afghanistan

- 1. What is the total of Czech credit to Afghanistan, excepting arms credit? Is it only the \$5 million extended in 1954 or was an additional \$10 million extended in 1955?
- 2. Projects known to have been undertaken under the Csech credit are cement plants at Jabal-us-Seraj and Pul-i-Khumri. Listed below are projects reportedly undertaken or considered. Information concerning the status of these projects, financing, progress, etc. is desired.

Tannery
Fruit Processing Plant
Ceramics Factory
Sugar Refinery
Meat Processing Plant
Textile Industry Survey
Water Supply System for Masar-e-Sharif
Industrial Advisory Office

3. Several Csechs are reportedly attached to Afghan Ministries. What are their positions? By what menner are they paid; i.e., financed by Csech credit or out of Ministry budget, type of currency, etc.? How much are they paid, in absolute terms, and relative to other employees, Afghan and other nationals, of equal rank?

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